JL Moldea Hoffa book HW 11/9/78

Howard Bray phoned yesterday to ask if he could give my letter to Moldea. I said sure. Today Moldea phoned me.

It turns out that he did none of the JFK work himself and that the book is getting good reviews except on the JFK stuff.

Mike Ewing did his research on the JFK stuff.

I told him I was glad to have reason to believe this was not deliberate but that it remained disinformation because what he suggests and states is not possible from what we know.

I used the 544 Camp Street stuff and the Wilson CIA report as examples, telling him that what he says about the address is incorrect and that the CIA also reported what he did not report, that Wilson was crazy and very dubious.

I went into whether some of this was even possible and he persisted in theorizing so I got him to address the possibilities permitted by what we know without getting anywhere. He regards Oswald as the sharpshooter, without need for proof or evidence.

He says the committee showed him FBI reports that say Ferrie worked for Marcello and told the FBI this. I'll not be surprised if this boils down to working on the immigration case and not as a Marcello employee. But this is not all the committee showed him. He has seen their Executive session testimony of Aleman. The committee plans to use this in its report, which can get Aleman killed. It is that Aleman said that Hoffa was in charge of killing JFK. Not Bobby. I don't believe it.

It seems clear that the committee is spreading its propaganda widely. Les Payne told me last night that five of them have been after him to make one of their ~~xxxx~~ cozy deals with him. He'll not do any such thing. My hunch is that in seeking him out the committee may have few preferable choices or is seeking to reduce the possibility of later criticism from him.